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1. DANISH PARLIAMENT HAS PASSED LEGISLATION ON SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO POSSIBLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN DENMARK. HOWEVER, THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT DENMARK WILL ACTUALLY HAVE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS WILL NOT BE DETERMINED BY PARLIAMENT UNTIL NEXT SESSION, STARTING SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. ON MAY 4, 1976, DANISH PARLIAMENT ADOPTED THE "ACT ON SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS" (ACT NO. 53). THE ACT ESTABLISHES THE LEGAL SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL FRAMEWORK FOR POSSIBLE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN DENMARK. IT DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE A GREEN LIGHT FOR IMMEDIATE INTRO-

DUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER. FINAL DECISION DEPENDS ON
PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON A SO-CALLED ENFORCEMENT ACT,
WHICH, IF PASSED, WILL PERMIT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
AND WILL PUT INTO FORCE ACT NO. 53.

3. FINAL VOTE ON THE ENFORCEMENT ACT, WHICH WAS
PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT ON MAY 13, IS EXPECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF
NEXT PARLIAMENT SESSION, SEPTEMBER 1976. THE DECISION
WILL PROBABLY BE POSITIVE, SINCE ACT NO. 53 WAS
ADOPTED WITH A LARGE MAJORITY VOTE. HOWEVER,
POLITICAL AND PUBLIC DEBATE ON THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN,
AND STILL IS, VERY ACTIVE AND OFTEN HIGHLY EMOTIONAL,
ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE CIRCLES OPPOSING NUCLEAR POWER.
SOME OPPONENTS HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY WILL SEEK A
REFERENDUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT ACT. TO DO THIS,
THEY NEED AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM BY 60
PARLIAMENT MEMBERS. WHETHER 60 MEMBERS CAN BE SO
PERSUADED IS STILL UNCERTAIN.

4. A COPY OF ACT 53 IS BEING AIR MAILED FOR THE
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